

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:**

In, for example, p. 25 of an article by Yoji Tsuneji Sano and Yushi Yusuke Kawakami in Kagaku Kogyo, Feb. 1995 is disclosed a finding on the influence of  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  on the permeation and separation characteristic of MFI type zeolite membrane (hereinafter referred to also as "MFI membrane") when water and alcohol are separated from each other by pervaporation using the membrane. It is known that the membrane shows striking alcohol selectivity when the  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  thereof is increased.